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Elements for Floor Cleaning Units)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1)

Sir,

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, which encourages the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants submit this paper to introduce art that they wish to have the Examiner consider, or to introduce art in compliance with their duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The Applicants wish to introduce art having some relevance to the present application, which has been listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449. This form include 20 U.S. patents.

No representation is made that a specific search has been made by the Applicants, that the information is material to the claimed subject matter, that the information is non-cumulative, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention. Any question that may arise regarding priority of a specific reference shall be resolved during prosecution. Copies of the above-identified documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a).

The enclosed document is being submitted for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to make an evaluation and to arrive at an independent assessment of materiality of the document to the examination of this application. The Examiner is requested to disregard any markings on the documents. Markings on the documents should not be regarded as necessarily pointing out the portions of the documents regarded by the Applicants as relevant to the subject application.

Based upon the differences between the Applicants' invention as compared to the teachings and disclosures of the art provided, it is the Applicants' belief that their invention is neither anticipated nor suggested by this reference. In the event further clarification of the art may be deemed necessary, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call from the Examiner. Should the Examiner hold a contrary opinion regarding relevance of any of the document discussed herein, it will readily be reconsidered in light of any rejection that may be made.

Applicants respectfully requests that the information cited be made of record in the subject case.

IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed as a submission for filing an (RCE) Request for Continued Examination. The Applicants do not believe that any further fee is due at this time. Nevertheless, in the event a fee required for the filing of this document is missing or insufficient, the undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment for

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